

WATERFRONT ITEMS

Northland Owners Libel Melanope for \$65,000.

ROANOKE AND ELDER HERE

Three Ships Bound for Europe, Due Down Today—Schooner Mabel Gale in From San Francisco—Accident to T. J. Potter.

A new phase of the affairs of the British bark Melanope, lying wrecked in the lower harbor of Astoria, transpired yesterday noon, when United States Deputy Marshal W. B. Griffith of Portland, arrived on the 11:35 train with orders to board that vessel, as her legal custodian, until the issue of a libel in the sum of \$65,000, sworn out and filed in the federal court at Portland, shall be tried out and determined. He immediately went on board after placing himself in touch with the customs officials in this city. And there he will stay until all mooted points in this relation are finally laid by the tribunal charged with such matters. The libel was filed by the owners of the steamer Northland, which brought her into this port.

The steamer Undine has gotten back on her schedule and arrived down yesterday at 4 p. m., going back up the river at 7 o'clock sharp. Captain Larkin reports the Lewis, Cowlitz and Willamette all on the rise, and the rise a good one, but nothing to compare with the wrecking qualities of the floods of last month, though there is no telling where they will go to; they are sending out all the drift wood the former flood left on the banks, and it is hampering the movements of the Astoria-Portland boats perceptibly. He says he saw a huge haystack sail out of the mouth of the Lewis, coming down yesterday, with a long-handled pitch-fork stuck in the top of it; there must have been at least twenty-five tons of hay in the "floater." Pilot "Scotty" McNeill says he intends to capture that pitch-fork. He needs it to chuck oil into the Undine's boilers with.

The harbor steamers and launches whose licenses were called in by Inspectors Ames and Weiden on Thursday last, for failure to have certain appliances on board, were released almost instantly the same day, the owners immediately complying with the orders previously made, and the whole thing being disposed of inside half an hour. They were the Wenona, Electro, Volga and Queen.

The steamship Roanoke arrived down from Portland yesterday morning on her way to Eureka, San Francisco and San Pedro. She had all the freight the law allowed her, and left another cargo on the Portland dock for the Geo. W. Elder. She had 91 people in her cabins and took on four more at the Callender pier in this city, to-wit: Mr. and Mrs. Ellison, E. Rosenberg, C. G. Varian, in the saloon; with Z. Beel in the steerage. She left down and out at 1 o'clock.

The handsome steamer T. J. Potter had a bit of bad luck on her down run yesterday. She broke one of her rudder-chains on some drift wood just above Rainier, and took the bank rather suddenly, but it was soft and easy, and after about three hours' delay, she left down and arrived here at 4 o'clock. She did not tarry here one moment longer than was necessary, and was soon heading back for the metropolis.

The Roanoke had not been gone from the Callender dock more than half an hour, when her sister-ship, the Geo. W. Elder, ranged alongside and was moored, fresh from her journey from San Pedro (or Port Los Angeles). She had about eighteen passengers on board, but none for Astoria; and took on about 200 tons of freight here for the south; the balance of her cargo is awaiting her at her Portland berth.

The British bark Invernesshire, Captain Tyndall on the bridge, should arrive down from Portland some time today. Captain Tyndall and Captain Jones of the Stronsa, have a big purse up, on the run to the United Kingdom from the Columbia bar.

The steamship Columbia is billed to dock here on Christmas morning. She has the San Francisco run all to herself now, as far as the Astoria-Portland-San Francisco line is concerned.

The four masted schooner Mabel Gale arrived in from San Francisco yesterday afternoon and went to an anchorage in the city channel, until she can get a tow to Portland.



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CLAPSOP WILL LOSE.

Latest News of Commissioner Masten's New Purposes.

The Cathlamet Sun says: C. C. Masten, the Svensen lumberman, who purchased the Muckle tract of timber of 4,000 acres on Milton creek near St. Helen's, has also bought the Adams place, adjoining the townsite of the city of St. Helen's. Mr. Masten has disposed of his interests in Clatsop county, and just as soon as possible will begin work upon the construction of his logging road and will dump his logs into the Willamette slough, upon his newly acquired property. Mr. Masten has about one mile of deep water frontage on the slough, in a protected location, where there will be no danger from freshets. This purchase means a great deal to St. Helen's, as it removes the last doubt as to the terminus of the road, which will cross the Northern Pacific on a high trestle just below Houlton.

TWO SUN-DOGS.

Storm Warnings, Sunshine, Clouds and Rain, Yesterday.

Astoria had her share of weather transitions yesterday. The day opened with a pale, languid sun, that was but poor relief for the morbid rain-dark of the previous ten days; this passed, and the rain fell lightly for a brief season; the noon was brilliant again, and was accompanied by an unusual display, nothing less than dual "sun-dogs," clearly defined circles of small radii about the sun. Just what this indicated local soothsayers say not, but they were there, all the same, clear, distinct, one within another, and beautiful to look upon.

Up to midnight the announced sou'easter had not made itself manifest hereabout. The sun-dogs may have chased it far enough north to give this section a chance for Christmas shopping.

TODAY'S EXPRESS.

brings us from New York a fine line of ladies' silk waists and kimonoes and a good many other articles which will be appreciated as Xmas gifts. Jalloff's new store, 120 11th street, near Commercial.

She worried and she fretted, And grew as homely as could be, But now she is a famous beauty, Which came by taking Rocky Mountain Tea. For sale by Frank Hart.

WATER FRONT ITEMS.

The weather man ordered up storm signals here yesterday and promised a big sou'easter for the night, but it must have passed by "on the other side."

The French bark Jacobson, with a cargo of breadstuffs for Europe, is due down from the metropolis today. Captain De Heronval is commanding.

The British ship Stronsa, wheat laden for Europe, is due down today, on her way to sea, Captain Jones commanding.

GIVEN UP TO DIE.

B. Spiegel, 1204, N. Virginia St., Evansville, Ind., writes: "For over five years I was troubled with kidney and bladder affections which caused me much trouble and worry. I lost flesh and was all run down, and a year ago had to abandon work entirely. I had three of the best physicians who did me no good and I was practically given up to die. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended, and the first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking the second bottle, I was entirely cured." T. F. Laurin.

SUNDAY TRAVEL TO PORTLAND

Increases and \$2.50 Round Trip Rate via A. & C. R. R. is Popular. Travel from this city to Portland on Sunday at the low round trip rate of \$2.50 is on the increase and many enjoy that day in the metropolis each week. This rate will be continued throughout the winter and the volume of travel toward Portland every Sunday would indicate that the public appreciates it. 11-5-11

A complication of female troubles with catarrh of the stomach and bowels, had reduced Mrs. Thos. S. Austin, of Leavenworth, Indiana, to such a deplorable condition, that her doctor advised an operation; but her husband fearing fatal results, postponed this to try Electric Bitters; and to the amazement of all who knew her; this medicine completely cured her. Guaranteed cure for torpid liver, kidney disease, biliousness, jaundice, chills and fever, general debility, nervousness and blood poisoning. Best tonic made. Price 50c at Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

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